IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 4 and 5 as follows and add Claims 6-8:

1. (Original) A method comprising the storing, for a period of time, of a blend comprising an arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition and an effective amount of an alkylene-bridged bisphosphate for retardation of the time within which crystallization occurs as compared to a composition comprising the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition that does not also contain the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition contains a bridging group derived from bisphenol A.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arylene-bridged bisphosphate contains a bridging group derived from neopentyl glycol.

4. (Currently amended) A method of claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arlene-bridged oligomeric bisphosphate contains a bridging group derived from bisphenol A and ~~wherein~~ the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate contains a bridging group derived from neopentyl glycol.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim ~~any of Claims~~ 1 ~~to 4~~ wherein the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate is present in the blend at from about 10% to about 80%, by weight of the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition.

6. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate is present in the blend at from about 10% to about 80%, by weight of the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition.

7. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate is present in the blend at from about 10% to about 80%, by weight of the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition.

8. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the alkylene-bridged bisphosphate is present in the blend at from about 10% to about 80%, by weight of the arylene-bridged oligmeric phosphate composition.